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### REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement of March 27, 2000. In the Restriction Requirement, it was asserted that the application contains claims directed to multiple patentably distinct species of the claimed invention. The Figures were divided into species groups 1-11. Applicant hereby elects to prosecute claims corresponding to species 1 (FIG. 2). Claims 1-9, 14, 16, 19-20 and 23-33 read upon species 1.

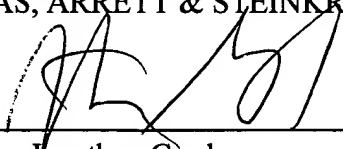
Applicant makes this election without prejudice or disclaimer and retains the right to prosecute the claims corresponding to the unelected species at a later date or in an application claiming priority from the instant application.

### CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance. Early action to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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